



I-81 PPTA Proposal

Fact Sheet

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- Negotiations are under way between the Virginia Department of Transportation and STAR Solutions on a proposal submitted by STAR Solutions for improving the Interstate 81 corridor in Virginia.
- The proposal was received under a Virginia purchasing law called the Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA) of 1995, which allows private entities to enter into agreements to construct, improve, maintain and operate transportation facilities.
- Under the PPTA law, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner may decide to do business with a particular firm following a multi-level review of the firm's proposal. STAR Solutions' proposal is based on the concept of separating cars and trucks on I-81.
- Information, maps and pictures presented by STAR Solutions are ideas only and may not reflect exactly what could be built along I-81. Selection of STAR Solutions does not mean that VDOT has decided to build separate lanes for trucks along I-81.
- In fact, no final decisions have been made about how I-81 in Virginia may look and function in the future. The selection of STAR Solutions for negotiations simply means that if negotiations are successful, STAR Solutions could be the builder and operator of future improvements.
- The decision to negotiate with STAR Solutions does not preempt the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, requiring the evaluation of reasonable alternatives for possible improvements to the corridor. NEPA serves as the basis for making informed decisions before proceeding with construction activities.
- In January 2004, VDOT launched its I-81 Corridor Improvement Study, under the auspices of NEPA. This study will provide much factual information about the problems along I-81 and help determine what can be built.